

In the specification:

Page 1, cancel lines 3-5.

Pages 1, before line 6 insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to a method for operating an internal combustion engine.

Page 2, cancel line 25.

Pages 2, before line 26 insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, cancel lines 2 and 3.

Page 4, cancel line 16.

Page 4, before line 23, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 4, cancel line 26.

Page 4, before line 27, insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS